

## Acadia Realty Trust Announces 8% Increase in Dividend

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NEW YORK, Mar 21, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Acadia Realty Trust (NYSE: AKR), a fully integrated shopping center real estate investment trust, today announced that Acadia's Board of Trustees approved an 8% increase in its dividend for the quarter ended March 31, 2002. The Company also announced details for the upcoming Annual Shareholders Meeting.

Acadia's Board of Trustees has declared a dividend for the first quarter ending March 31, 2002 of \$0.13 per common share payable April 15, 2002 to shareholders of record as of March 29, 2002. This is up from a \$0.12 dividend for the previous quarter.

Kenneth F. Bernstein, Acadia's President and CEO, stated, "Now that we have completed the turnaround program we began three years ago, our results are hitting the bottom line. We have stabilized our core portfolio, substantially completed our non-core disposition program and have created a strong balance sheet. Finally, with the launching of our new acquisition joint venture, we also have the capital for additional earnings growth. These accomplishments have significantly increased both the quality of our earnings and our growth prospects going forward. The increase in our dividend, which continues to represent a conservative payout ratio, reflects our confidence in the stability of our core assets and the strength of our balance sheet."

The Board of Trustees also scheduled the Annual Shareholders Meeting for Thursday, May 16, 2002 at 10:00 AM, local time, to be held at the offices of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, LLP, Park Avenue Tower, 75 East 55th Street, New York, NY 10022. The record date for determination of shareholders entitled to vote is April 15, 2002.

Acadia Realty Trust, headquartered on Long Island, NY, is a self-administered equity real estate investment trust structured as an UPREIT, which specializes in the operation, management, leasing, renovation and acquisition of shopping centers. The Company currently owns and operates 52 properties totaling approximately 10 million square feet, primarily in the eastern half of the United States. Acadia's principal executive offices are located in Port Washington, New York, with a corporate office located in Manhattan.

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